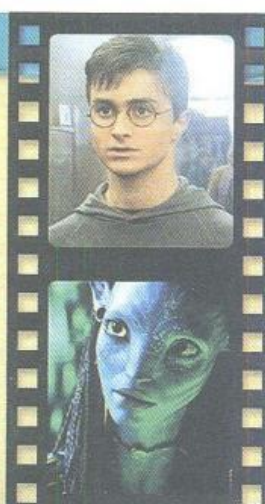# 13 Good book, terrible movie!

1 SNAPSHOT

Movie Trivia

- *Batman* (1989)   The role of Batman was played by Michael Keaton. In later movies, it was played by Val Kilmer, George Clooney, and Christian Bale.
- *Titanic* (1997)   The movie cost $200 million to make. The Titanic itself cost about $135 million to build.
- *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* (2003) Keira Knightley nearly missed the audition because of a traffic jam.
- *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* (2007) This is the longest book and the shortest movie in the series.
- *Paranormal Activity* (2007)   This movie only cost $15,000 to make, but it made $9.1 million in its first week.
- *Avatar* (2009)   The special effects were so expensive that director James Cameron had to wait ten years to make the movie.
- *The Three Stooges* (2012)   Jim Carrey, Sean Penn, and Benicio del Toro were originally cast in the film, but all three dropped out.

Source: www.imdb.com

Which of the movie trivia do you find most interesting?
Do you know any other movie trivia?
Which of the movies have you seen? Did you enjoy them?

2 CONVERSATION *What's playing?*

A 🔵 Listen and practice.

Roger: Do you want to see a movie tonight?
Carol: Hmm. Maybe. What's playing?
Roger: How about the new *Star Trek* film? I hear it's really exciting.
Carol: Actually, the last one was boring.
Roger: What about the movie based on Stephen King's new novel?
Carol: I don't know. His books are usually fascinating, but I don't like horror movies.
Roger: Well, what do you want to see?
Carol: I'm interested in the new Sandra Bullock movie. It looks good.
Roger: That's fine with me. She's a wonderful actress.

B 🔵 Listen to the rest of the conversation. What happens next? What do they decide to do?

Sandra Bullock

3 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Participles as adjectives ⊙

Present participles
Stephen King's books are **fascinating**.
The last *Star Trek* film was **boring**.
The new Sandra Bullock movie
    sounds **interesting**.

Past participles
I'm **fascinated** by Stephen King's books.
I was **bored** by the last *Star Trek* film.
I'm **interested** in the new Sandra
    Bullock movie.

A Complete these sentences. Then compare with a partner.

1. Matt Damon is an .... actor. (amaze)
2. I find animated films .... (amuse)
3. I'm not .... in science fiction movies. (interest)
4. I'm .... by watching television. (bore)
5. The final *Twilight* book was .... (excite)
6. I'm .... by J.R.R. Tolkien's novels. (fascinate)
7. It's .... that horror movies are so popular. (surprise)

Matt Damon

B **PAIR WORK** Complete the description below with the correct form of these words.

| amaze | annoy | confuse | disgust | embarrass | shock |

I had a terrible time at the movies last weekend. First, my ticket cost $15. I was really
.... by the price. By mistake, I gave the cashier two $5 bills instead of
a ten and a five. I was a little .... Then there was trash all over the theater.
The mess was .... The people behind me were talking during the movie,
which was .... The story was hard to follow. I always find thrillers
so .... I liked the special effects, though. They were .... !

4 WORD POWER Opinions

A **PAIR WORK** Complete the chart with synonyms from the list.

absurd	dumb	marvelous	silly
bizarre	fabulous	odd	terrible
disgusting	fantastic	outstanding	unusual
dreadful	horrible	ridiculous	weird

Awful	Wonderful	Stupid	Strange
....	....	....	....
....	....	....	....
....	....	....	....
....	....	....	....

B **GROUP WORK** Share your opinions about a movie, an actor,
an actress, a TV show, and a book. Use words from part A.

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5 LISTENING How did you like it?

A ○ Listen to people talk about books, movies, and TV programs. Which ones do you think they would recommend?

B ○ Listen again. Check (✓) the adjective that best describes what the people say about each one.

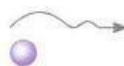| 1. ☐ fascinating	2. ☐ wonderful	3. ☐ boring	4. ☐ ridiculous
☐ silly	☐ odd	☐ terrific	☐ interesting
☐ strange	☐ boring	☐ dreadful	☐ exciting

6 PRONUNCIATION Emphatic stress

A ○ Listen and practice. Notice how stress and a higher pitch are used to express strong opinions.

That was terrible!   He was amazing!   That's fascinating!

B **PAIR WORK** Write four statements using these words. Then take turns reading them. Pay attention to emphatic stress.

dreadful   fantastic   horrible   ridiculous

7 DISCUSSION Let's go to the movies!

A **PAIR WORK** Take turns asking and answering these questions and others of your own.

What kinds of movies are you interested in? Why?
What kinds of movies do you find boring?
Who are your favorite actors and actresses? Why?
Are there actors or actresses you don't like?
What's the worst movie you've ever seen?
What are your three favorite movies in
    English? Why?
Are there any outstanding movies playing now?
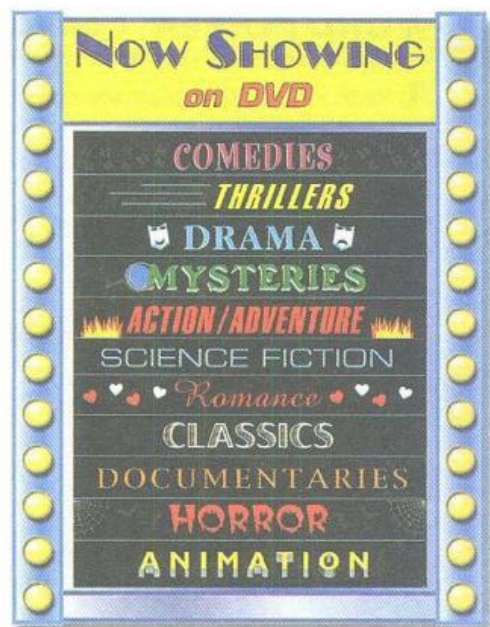
A: What kinds of movies are you interested in?
B: I love action movies.
A: Really? Why is that?
B: They're exciting! What about you?
A: I think action movies are kind of silly. I prefer . . .

B **GROUP WORK** Compare your information. Whose taste in movies is most like yours?

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8 PERSPECTIVES It's about . . .

A ⏵ Listen to people talk about some of their Hollywood favorites. Can you guess the actress, actor, or movie each person is describing?

1. This action movie came out in 2010 and stars Leonardo DiCaprio as a thief who is able to steal information from people's minds. It's kind of confusing, but the special effects are amazing.

2. He's an actor who often plays unusual characters. He's fantastic as the Mad Hatter in *Alice in Wonderland* and Captain Jack Sparrow in the *Pirates of the Caribbean* movies.

3. It's a science fiction movie that was directed by James Cameron. It's a beautiful film that takes place on the moon Pandora in the year 2154. It's a story about the clash of cultures and civilizations.

4. She's an actress who is excellent in both dramas and comedies. I loved her in *Mamma Mia!* and *The Iron Lady*. I haven't seen a lot of her earlier movies, though.

B Do you like the people and movies described in part A? What else do you know about them?

9 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Relative pronouns for people and things ⏵

Use who or that for people.
He's an actor. He often plays unusual characters.
He's an actor **who/that** often plays unusual characters.

Use which or that for things.
It's a movie. It stars Leonardo DiCaprio.
It's a movie **which/that** stars Leonardo DiCaprio.

A Combine the sentences using relative pronouns. Then compare with a partner.

1. *Super Mario Galaxy 2* is a video game. It's fun for all ages.
2. Jodie Foster is an actress. She began her career at age three.
3. Ben Affleck is an actor. He's also a director.
4. *The Lorax* is a film. It was adapted from a children's book.
5. Jaden Smith is an actor. He's the son of Will Smith.
6. Dan Brown writes books. They're hard to put down.
7. *Wicked* is a Broadway musical. It's been very successful.
8. Beyoncé is a singer. She's acted in several films.

B **PAIR WORK** Complete these sentences. Then compare your information around the class.

1. Cameron Diaz is an actress . . .
2. *Toy Story 3* is a movie . . .
3. Justin Bieber is a singer . . .
4. *The Simpsons* is a TV show . . .

10 INTERCHANGE 13 Famous faces

What do you know about movies and TV shows? Go to Interchange 13 on page 127.
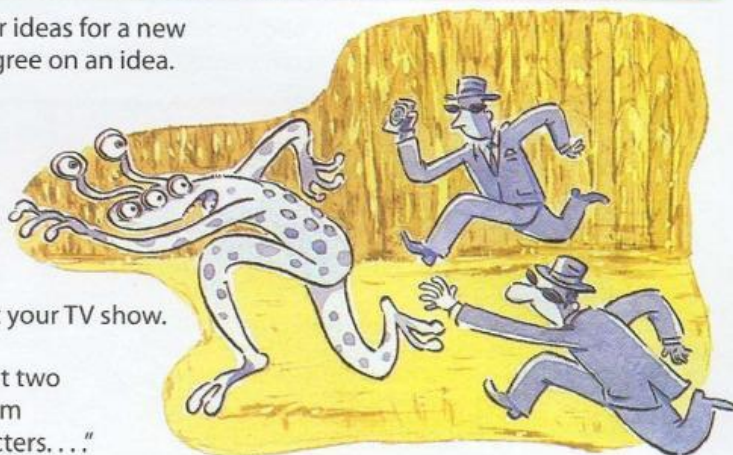
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11 SPEAKING A new TV show

A **PAIR WORK** A TV studio is looking for ideas for a new TV show. Brainstorm possible ideas and agree on an idea. Make brief notes.

What kind of TV show is it?
What's it about?
Who are the main characters?
Who will it appeal to?

B **CLASS ACTIVITY** Tell the class about your TV show.

"Our TV show is a detective story. It's about two secret agents who are chasing an alien from another planet. There are two main characters. . . ."

12 LISTENING A night at the movies

A Listen to two critics talk about a new movie. What do they like or not like about it? Rate each item in the chart from 1 to 3.

	Acting	Story	Music	Special effects
Pauline	....	....	....	....
Colin	....	....	....	....

Ratings
1 = didn't like it
2 = OK
3 = liked it very much

B Look at the chart in part A. Guess how many stars each critic gave the movie. Then listen to the critics give their ratings.

★ poor   ★★ fair   ★★★ good   ★★★★ excellent

13 WRITING A movie review

A **PAIR WORK** Choose a movie you both have seen and discuss it. Then write a review of it.

What was the movie about?
What did you like about it?
What didn't you like about it?
How was the acting?
How would you rate it?

B **CLASS ACTIVITY** Read your review to the class. Who else has seen the movie? Do they agree with your review?

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We recently saw the 2011 film *Water for Elephants* on DVD. It's about a man who joins a traveling circus as a veterinarian in the 1930s. It stars Robert Pattinson and Reese Witherspoon. It was adapted from a book by the same name. I like this movie because the story is both funny and sad. I didn't like… More

SPECIAL EFFECTS

Scan the article. What is the most important change in special effects?

1 Nowadays, almost anything can happen in the movies. Dinosaurs rule the world, people fly, and aliens attack spacecraft. But how is it all possible?

2 Special effects started long before the movies. For centuries, magicians performed in the streets, usually in markets and fairs. They did card tricks and things like making rabbits "disappear." In the early nineteenth century, before the invention of electricity, actors in theaters were highlighted by limelights. Sometime later, a lighting technique called "Pepper's ghost" was used to make ghosts "appear" on stage. Audiences were thrilled.

3 Motion pictures began in the 1890s, but there was no sound. They were "silent movies." "Talkies" were first shown in the 1920s. Later, color films gradually replaced black-and-white ones.

4 From the 1950s to the 1980s, special effects became more and more fantastic. Experts in robotics, computers, engineering, and other fields were employed by filmmakers. However, the biggest development in special effects came with computer-generated imagery (CGI) in the 1990s. *Jurassic Park* (1993) had full shots of dinosaurs using CGI. *Titanic* (1997) used CGI for shots on board the ship and very small models to show underwater shots of the ship.

5 More recently, *Avatar* (2009) used 60 percent CGI and 40 percent live action. It was the first film to be shot entirely with a 3-D camera. It shows totally believable scenes of humans and aliens on the moon Pandora.

6 Special effects in movies are both a science and an art. Computer technology and human imagination come together to bring stories to life. They make science fiction and action movies much more exciting to watch, and audiences love them.

A Read the article. Then number these sentences from 1 (first event) to 9 (last event).

.... a. Silent movies were shown.
.... b. CGI was developed.
.... c. Limelights were used in theaters.
.... d. CGI was used to show dinosaurs.
.... e. Talkies began to replace silent movies.

.... f. Street magicians performed tricks.
.... g. Color movies were shown.
.... h. Small models and CGI were used in *Titanic*.
.... i. The first full movie was made with a 3-D camera.

B Where do these sentences belong? Write the number of the paragraph where each sentence should go.

.... a. It used the movie format IMAX 3-D.
.... b. Movies also show amazing things like meteors hitting the Earth.
.... c. This meant audiences could see the stage more clearly.
.... d. Models were used for shots of parts of dinosaurs.
.... e. Even if special effects are often very expensive, they are good for business.
.... f. One of the first films with sound was *The Jazz Singer*.

C **PAIR WORK** What movie do you think has the best special effects? Why do you like them?

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